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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby call the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a), a copies of the US Patents are not enclosed.

US 6,445,005 (already of record as previously cited by the Examiner)

US 2005/0162092 (cited herein)

EP 1085576 (cited herein)

JP 2001-217072 (cited herein)

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